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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet, which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet(s)

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. By this Amendment, claims 4-6 have been amended and new claims 19 and 20 have been added. Thus, claims 4-6 and 19-20 are pending for further examination.

In view of the amendments, Applicant believes that the double patenting rejection is obviated. Thus, a Terminal Disclaimer is not being submitted at this time.

With respect to the drawing objection, Applicant has submitted a replacement drawing herewith. Thus, withdrawal of the drawing objection is requested.

Claims 4 and 5 have been rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious over the combination of Martin et al. (US 5,355,302) in view of Wilder (US 5,408,417).

Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims herein are not rendered obvious by the cited references. Thus, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Amended claim 4 now recites:

Audiovisual reproduction system, comprising a central unit controlling a display, a touch screen, memory and a telecommunications modem connected to a distribution network controlled by a host server through a multitask operating system comprising a library of tools and services, wherein the operating system of the reproduction system comprises:

- means for providing a list including information of downloadable audiovisual records that are not yet available on the audiovisual reproduction system;
- means for storing in the memory a file regrouping information of said list in a questionnaire; and
- a module including:
 - 1) a procedure for reading in the memory the file storing said questionnaire;
 - 2) a procedure for enabling a plurality of data representative of audiovisual records to be displayed by the display, said plurality of data being integrated in said questionnaire;
 - 3) a procedure for interpreting answers to said questionnaire and selecting downloadable audiovisual records, said answers corresponding to user actions on the touch screen; and
 - 4) a procedure using selection of downloadable audiovisual records for automatically sending a request to the host server requesting that at least one selected audiovisual record be downloaded.

The Examiner asserts that all the features of claim 4 are anticipated by the prior art represented by Martin (US 5,355,302), except for the features of the multitask operating system and the use of a touch screen. However, amended claim 4 clearly recites that the multitask operating system is adapted to retrieve a file storing a questionnaire so as to invite users to select new downloadable songs specified in the questionnaire. In complete contrast, Martin does not provide a list of songs to be selected but, instead, only

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suggests (col. 7, lines 10-13) to present a prompt, i.e., a simple invitation for users to input titles of any new songs. As a result, the teaching of Martin is not efficient because the management system must, for example, select in a determination step the most wished songs, then retrieve the song record, and finally download these songs to the jukebox. In contrast, the system of amended claim 4 is more advantageous and efficient since the proposed songs are already available through the distribution network. Furthermore, the answers can be taken into account in the audiovisual reproduction system. In complete contrast, Martin does not teach nor suggest any interpretation of answers by the jukebox. Martin only recites uploading of request data stored in the jukebox (col. 7, lines 13-15) and the management system must also determine whether new proposed songs should be downloaded.

Even in view of Wilder, a person skilled in the art could not obtain the same performance and usefulness as in the claimed audiovisual reproduction system. Wilder recites the use of a touch screen for user selections. However, using the management system of Martin with a jukebox having a touch screen does not result in or suggest the claimed invention, and would result in a system in which the user that must wait a longer period before obtaining new songs and which has an inefficient management system.

Amended claim 4 recites means for providing a list including information of downloadable audiovisual records that are not yet available on the audiovisual reproduction system. It is respectfully submitted that neither Martin nor Wilder suggest storing a file regrouping information of such a predetermined list of songs in a

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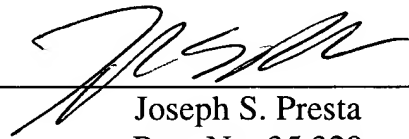
questionnaire. Furthermore, neither Martin nor Wilder suggest an interpretation of answers before sending a request to the host server requesting that at least one selected audiovisual record be downloaded. The claimed invention specifically enables easier ordering and downloading of new selections without action by the manager or the operator.

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicant believes that the amended claims herein clearly and patentably distinguish the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. Thus, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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